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**MESSAGE: Please Promptly Deliver These Documents To The Examiner**

Per our telephone conversation this afternoon regarding the 01 February 2002 Letter Of Record, following are copies of our: Amendment-E, our Petition For Two-Month Extension of Time, and a Declaration dated 28 January 2002. Also following are copies of a Declaration dated 13 February 2002 and a transmittal letter (dated 18 February 2002) for same recently filed in the application.

**CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this cover sheet and the enclosed document (a Request For Reconsideration) are being sent via facsimile transmission to the US Patent &amp; Trademark Office on 11 March 2002.

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**SKO-104-A-1****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Tojo et al.  
Serial Number: 08/627,270  
U.S. Filing Date: April 4, 1996  
Group Art Unit: 3726  
Examiner: P. Echols  
Title: "Method and Machine for Forming Protective Film  
on Sprayed Coating of Large-Sized Product"

**AMENDMENT-E**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated August 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please add claim 43 as shown on the attached sheet.

Please cancel claim 35 without prejudice and without dedication or abandonment of the subject matter thereof.

**REMARKS**

The claims in the application remain claims 14-16, 19, 20, 26, 27, 30-33, 34 and 36-43, of which claims 14-16, 19 and 36 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicant encloses herewith a Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.132 from inventor Hisashi Kurota attesting to the unobviousness and advantages of method of the invention involving application of the strippable paint to finished surfaces prior to mounting of an engine and functional parts to the vehicle during an assembly process. A similar amendment from inventor